

REMARKS

The original abstract has been placed on a separate page.

Original claims 1 to 26 and 34 to 37 are pending in the application.

Prior to calculation of the filing fees for the present application and prior to action on the merits, Applicants respectfully request that the following amendment be entered in the above-referenced application.

Applicants believe that no fees are due with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-2285.

Applicants submit that no new matter has been added by the present amendment.

In the event that there are any questions concerning this amendment or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned so that prosecution of this application may be expedited.

Respectfully submitted,

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